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Applicants:	Nicosia A. et al.	
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For:	MIMOTOPES OF HYPERVARIABLE REGION 1 OF THE E2 GLYCOPROTEIN OF HCV AND USES THEREOF	

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Examiner: Wessendorf, Teresa D

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed September 8, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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